

**NMC MEDICAL LIBRARY
ELECTRONIC INFORMATION RESOURCES NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

SECTION I : All Survey Participants

1. Do you currently use ANY electronic information resources, including either CD-ROM's or access to the Internet, for researching medical topics?

☐ Yes ☐ No

IF "NO" what non-electronic resources or methods do you now use for medical information?:

- ☐ Ask Librarian to research topic for me
- ☐ Curbside consults with colleagues
- ☐ Do my own research using NMC Medical Library textbooks and journals
- ☐ Do my own research using my personal library of textbooks and journals
- Other (please describe):

2. Please assess your own level of knowledge and/or comfort with electronic information resources:

	LOW	HIGH
a. My current overall computer skills are:	___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___	
b. My command of the Windows environment is:	___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___	
c. My skills with an Internet browser are:	___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___	
d. My ability to do an effective Medline search is:	___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___	
e. My knowledge of Internet resources is:	___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___	
f. My need for added information resources is:	___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___	

3. Would you be interested in attending classes on electronic resources for clinical information?

☐ Yes ☐ No

a. If YES, what location(s) would be most convenient for this training?

b. If YES, what time(s) would be most convenient for this training?

Thank you!

If you answered "NO" to Question #1, you are finished with this questionnaire!

Please return it BY AUGUST 1, 2000 to Rebecca de Walden in the Family Practice Residency Office.

If you answered "YES" to Question #1, please continue with SECTION II of the questionnaire. Your detailed responses are crucial to our efforts to provide greater access to electronic resources at Natividad Medical Center.

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SECTION II: Current Users of Electronic Medical Information Tools

1. What electronic information resources do you currently use for researching medical topics? (*please check all that apply*):

- ☐ MEDLINE on CD-ROM (available in the Medical Library)
- ☐ Internet access provided by NMC
- ☐ Internet access provided by another hospital/practice site
- ☐ personal Internet account

Other: _____

2. If you currently have and use Internet access, please tell us:

a. Approximately when did you first begin using the Internet *for medically-related activities*?:

- ☐ less than 6 months ago
- ☐ 7 to 12 months ago
- ☐ more than 13 months ago

b. How much time do you spend online, on average, *on medically-related activities*?

- ☐ under 1 hour/week
- ☐ 2 - 5 hours/week
- ☐ 5+ hours/week

3. Do you use Internet access while at onsite Natividad Medical Center or NMC's clinics/facilities?

☐ Yes ☐ No *If "NO" please skip to Question 4. If "YES", answer a-c:*

a. While onsite at Natividad Medical Center, do you use:

- ☐ your personal account?
- ☐ NMC's Internet account?

b. How frequently do you use Internet access at NMC *for medically-related activities only*:

- ☐ < 1x/week
- ☐ 1 - 3x/week
- ☐ > 3x/week

c. Please indicate all NMC sites where your Internet access occurs:

- ☐ Medical Library
- ☐ Medical Staff Offices
- ☐ FP Residency Offices
- ☐ FP Residents' Call Room
- ☐ your (personal/private) office
- ☐ your clinic or inpatient unit

Other: _____

4. Please indicate any of these Internet services and/or functions you use *for medically-related activities only*:

a. ☐ Electronic mail services:

- ☐ AOL
- ☐ Physicians OnLine
- ☐ Hotmail

Other: _____

b. ☐ General-purpose Internet search engines (please identify sites you use):

- ☐ Yahoo
- ☐ Excite
- ☐ Northern Light
- ☐ Google
- ☐ Dogpile
- ☐ Alta Vista
- ☐ Ask Jeeves
- ☐ HotBot

Other? _____

c. ☐ Medline/Medlars searches for journal citations (please identify site you use most):

- ☐ PubMed
- ☐ Grateful Med
- ☐ Physicians Online

Other: _____

d. ☐ Evidence Based Medicine services (primary source materials):

- ☐ MD Consult
- ☐ E-Medicine
- ☐ SchARR
- ☐ Cochrane Library
- ☐ National Guideline Clearinghouse

Other: _____

e. ☐ Other Professional and/or medical sites. (Please list): _____

5. Please tell us more about the sites /services you have marked above: which are your personal "favorites" or the most frequently used? what features on these sites do you find particularly valuable? why?

6. As access to electronic information resources is expanded at NMC, what physical location(s) would be most useful to you? Please assign a priority/preference, with "1" being your most preferred location:

_____ in the Medical Library?	_____ in the Medical Staff Office areas?
_____ in the FP Residency Office areas?	_____ in the Physician's lounge?
_____ in the Call Rooms?	_____ in your private office?
_____ in your clinic/unit?	_____ other: _____

7. What specific electronic information resources should be given priority at NMC? Please rank these various types of resources, with "1" being the most important/useful to you:

_____ electronic textbooks or full-text journal subscriptions:

<input type="checkbox"/> Archives.....(complete AMA series)	<input type="checkbox"/> New England Journal of Medicine
<input type="checkbox"/> Annals of Internal Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> ACP Journal Club
<input type="checkbox"/> Harrison's Online	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific American Medicine Online

Other: _____

_____ primary-source, evidence-based medicine tools:

<input type="checkbox"/> MD Consult	<input type="checkbox"/> SchARR	<input type="checkbox"/> Cochrane Library
<input type="checkbox"/> eMedicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Matrix	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical World Search
<input type="checkbox"/> OVID/EBM Reviews		

Other: _____

_____ training/educational tools:

<input type="checkbox"/> Surgical procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic procedures
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Other: _____

_____ any other electronic information resources/services (please describe, including content and purpose and/or function it fulfills):

8. Do you own or use a "Palm Pilot" or similar hand-held device? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "YES", please describe its usefulness for patient care:

Thank you for contributing to our planning endeavors!

Please return both parts of this survey, BY AUGUST 1, 2000 to: Rebecca de Walden, Family Practice Residency Office.

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